

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a cleansing composition having pearlescence, which comprises:

mixing an aqueous liquid in which an ingredient (A) is suspended with an ingredient (B), which is molten prior to mixing, or an aqueous liquid in which said molten ingredient (B) is contained; and

cooling the resultant mixture to cause said ingredient (B) to deposit on a surface of ingredient (A), wherein:

said ingredient (A) is at least one ester selected from the group consisting of an ethylene glycol monoalkylate and ethylene glycol dialkylate, which may have a distribution in the number of carbon atoms in its constituent fatty acids, with the proviso that fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for less than 70 wt. % of all of said constituent fatty acids; and

said ingredient (B) is at least one ester selected from the group consisting of an ethylene glycol monoalkylate and ethylene glycol dialkylate, which may have a distribution in the number of carbon atoms in its constituent fatty acids, with the proviso that fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for 70 wt. % or more of all of said constituent fatty acids.

2. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous liquid in which said ingredient (A) is suspended and/or said aqueous liquid in which said molten ingredient (B) is contained further comprises a surfactant.

3. (currently amended) A cleansing composition having pearlescence, which is obtained by a method comprising:

adding an ingredient (B), which is molten prior to mixing, or an aqueous liquid in which said molten ingredient (B) is contained, to an aqueous liquid in which an ingredient (A) is suspended; and

cooling the resultant mixture to cause said ingredient (B) to deposit on a surface of ingredient (A),

wherein: said ingredient (A) is at least one ester selected from the group consisting of an ethylene glycol monoalkylate and ethylene glycol dialkylate, which may have a distribution in the number of carbon atoms in its constituent fatty with the proviso that fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for less than 70 wt. % of all of said constituent fatty acids; and

said ingredient (B) is at least one ester selected from the group consisting of an ethylene glycol monoalkylate and ethylene glycol dialkylate, which may have a distribution in the number of carbon atoms in its constituent fatty acids with the proviso that fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for 70 wt. % or more of all of said constituent fatty acids.

4. (previously presented) The cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein said aqueous liquid in which said ingredient (A) is suspended and/or said aqueous liquid in which said molten ingredient (B) is contained further comprises a surfactant.

5. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein for ingredient (B), fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for 80 wt. % or more of all of said constituent fatty acids.

6. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein the carbon number of the fatty acids which account for 70 wt. % or more of all the constituent fatty acids fall within a range of from 18 to 22.

7. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein fatty acids having 18 and greater carbon numbers account for 70 to 85 wt. % of all the fatty acids in the combination of ingredients (A) and (B).

8. (new) The process of claim 1 where the weight ratio of ingredient (A) to ingredient (B) is in a range of $0.1 < (A)/[(A)+(B)] < 0.9$.

9. (new) The process of claim 2, wherein said surfactant is present in an amount of 1 to 70 wt. %.

10. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein a total content of ingredients (A) and (B) in said cleansing composition is 0.3 to 10 wt. %.

11. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein said cleaning composition has a pH of from 3 to 4.

12. (new) The process of claim 1, wherein a content of ingredient (A) or (B) in said aqueous liquid in which the ingredient (A) is suspended or in said aqueous liquid which contains said molten ingredient (B) is 0.1 to 50 wt. %.

13. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein for ingredient (B), fatty acids having carbon numbers of 18 and greater account for 80 wt. % or more of all of said constituent fatty acids.

14. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein the carbon number of the fatty acids which account for 70 wt. % or more of all the constituent fatty acids fall within a range of from 18 to 22.

15. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein fatty acids having 18 and greater carbon numbers account for 70 to 85 wt. % of all the fatty acids in the combination of ingredients (A) and (B).

16. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, where the weight ratio of ingredient (A) to ingredient (B) is in a range of $0.1 < (A)/[(A)+(B)] < 0.9$.

17. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 4, wherein said surfactant is present in an amount of 1 to 70 wt. %.

18. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein a total content of ingredients (A) and (B) in said cleansing composition is 0.3 to 10 wt. %.

19. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein said cleaning composition has a pH of from 3 to 4.

20. (new) The cleansing composition of claim 3, wherein a content of ingredient (A) or (B) in said aqueous liquid in which the ingredient (A) is suspended or in said aqueous liquid which contains said molten ingredient (B) is 0.1 to 50 wt. %.